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Proclamation

Fire Prevention, Clean Up and Paint Up

Know All Men, Women and Children of Torrance THAT, Whereas Fire Prevention, Clean Up and Paint Up Weeks have, in the past resulted in much civic good and many advantages to community life

In safeguarding HEALTH;
In decreasing FIRE LOSSES;
In stimulating CIVIC PRIDE; and
In making the HOME AND CITY BEAUTIFUL;

Now, THEREFORE, Be it known that plans have been perfected by the Street Department of the city and the Torrance Fire Department for a thorough Fire Prevention, Clean Up and Paint Up Week in Torrance beginning Sunday, October 4, and ending Saturday, October 10.

This week to mark a real campaign of persistent and constructive effort in cleaning up and KEEPING IT UP. In this worthy movement of Cleaning, Painting and general Rehabilitation and Beautification I urge each citizen to do his or her best part to make our community Clean, Healthy, Safe and Beautiful

(Signed)
(Signed) JOHN DENNIS,
Mayor, City of Torrance.

PAINT BRUSH, MOP, RAKE TO RULE TORRANCE NEXT WEEK

Intensive Rehabilitation Program to Rid City of Fire Traps and Rubbish If Every Citizen Helps

Fire Prevention and Clean Up, Paint Up Week will be observed in Torrance beginning Sunday, October 4, and continuing through Saturday, October 11, according to proclamation by Mayor John Dennis.

The Street Department, under the direction of Superintendent William Gascoigne, will cooperate with residents in ridding the city of rubbish, debris and accumulated waste by making periodic trips through the alleys to remove unsightly materials collected by all who participate in the movement.

Members of the Fire Department will observe the Fire Prevention portion of the week by presenting speakers before the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs and making special appeals to all school children to aid in removing all hazards which may lead to destruction of property by fire.

Prepare For Winter
City officials, Chamber of Commerce directors and civic leaders here are backing the week's objectives to the extent that they pledge to lend every aid to the program which is expected to rid the city of unsightly rubbish on vacant areas and to make every residence spot and span for the coming winter.

There are many reasons why every one should help in this campaign to make Torrance safe and clean. In the first place it is sanitary. This should be reason sufficient to insure the support of every individual in the city. In addition to being sanitary, cleaning up and painting up adds much to the appearance of a city. Civic pride should be strong enough to make every one enjoy cleaning up and painting up when needed. The fall months are a good period in which to think of renovation because the accumulations of the winter time take up so much space and deprive a residence of much of its attractiveness. The summer months have brought to homes, streets and alleys a surfeit amount of trash which should be disposed of now.

What We Can Do
Here are a few suggestions on what could be done to make Clean Up and Paint Up Week a success in Torrance:

Nooks and corners should be cleaned out thoroughly. The man of the house should get the inspiration and get busy out in the yard. Old tin cans should be hauled away as should the debris around the house.

The yard needs raking and the dead grass burned. Perhaps the garage should have a coat or two of paint. There are many things that can be done around a yard to add to the general appearance. Incidentally, clean premises are not so much of a fire hazard as the premises that are loaded with junk piles—and that is where the other half

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Rolph Will Heed Charter Matter In Special Call

Secretary to Aid City When Time Comes For Extra Legislature Session

"I shall be pleased to call this matter to the governor's attention and will endeavor to keep him advised of your request in the event he decides to call a special session of the Legislature in the near future," wrote William A. Smith, Governor Rolph's private secretary, to Carl Hyde this week in answer to the Chamber of Commerce's request that if a special session of the Legislature is called that said call include action with reference to consummation of charters.

It is hoped here that if the governor calls a special session that he will include a summons for consideration of charter matters so that Torrance's proposed governing instrument could be expediently ratified. This final action to come from the Legislature "after weal citizens signify by vote that they approve the charter now being drafted by a board of 15 freeholders."

That the freeholders will request an extension of 60 days in which to complete their formation of the proposed charter was indicated this week by a member of the board.

The law allows such additional time after the 120-day drafting period has expired. The freeholders started work on the charter about the middle of last June.

The 15 citizens are expected to begin deliberations on the complete temporary draft of the charter next week. This preliminary instrument has been drawn in order that the board might have something definite in the way of a charter on which to act.

Scout Executive Tells City Work Reports On Local Troops To Chamber

An annual report on the activities of the Boy Scouts in Torrance was given the Chamber of Commerce this week by Ellis P. Moore, assistant field executive. Two troops are functioning in this city. Moore reported that the third troop, organized by the Latter Day Saints church last week, had not started activities at the time of his statement.

Troop No. 2 is sponsored by the Rotary Club, Robert L. Lewellen, scoutmaster. This troop meets Friday evenings. Troop No. 4, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, is led by Frank H. Steinhilber for scoutmaster and meets Thursday evenings. Both troops use the Scout cabin on Carson street for their pow-wows and are conducting active programs, Moore stated.

Sixteen scouts in Torrance advanced in rank during the first six months of this year, including two, one in each troop, who made the Eagle rank, the highest in Scouting. A new troop is in prospect, sponsored by the American Legion post, the assistant field executive reported.

"Marrying Justice" Lives Up To Name

LOMITA—The marrying justice, John Dennis, was kept busy Tuesday night when he was called to Lomita to perform two weddings.

The first couple were Joseph Cecil Woody, of Terminal Island, who took as his bride Miss Joanna L. Hurley, a nurse at the Seaside hospital, Long Beach.

The judge, with Mrs. Dennis, court clerk, Mrs. Wilcox, and daughter, Eva May, then proceeded to the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Diack of 1538 Oak street to unite in marriage their daughter, Miss Helen L. Valley, and Stephen Petras, employe of the Shell Oil at Wilmington.

REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD TO RECONSIDER FERN BUILDING POLICY ADOPTED RECENTLY

Because of the importance of a resolution addressed to the Los Angeles Board of Education by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce in regard to a requested reconsideration of the policy adopted by the school authorities to defer construction of the proposed Fern Avenue school

until a decision is reached by the city in the pending charter movement, the school board has decided to consider the matter as a committee of the whole.

The local chamber's resolution recites the facts that the citizens of the city have always supported the administration of the Los Angeles school system, its policies, programs and bond issues; that in the recent bond issue of \$12,720,000, approved March 27, the issue was overwhelmingly supported in this community and that assistance was predicated on the need for a program of construction and development and which program embraced plans for the construction of the 12-unit Fern Avenue building.

The Board of Education had informed a committee of the chamber that due to pending charter studies for the government of Torrance, which proposes a change of government and involves a question as to the title for the right of administration and ownership of local school properties that plans for the early construction of the school had been removed from the school system's building program for the time being.

Continuing, the chamber's resolution asking for a reconsideration of the matter declared that: "The (Continued on Page 5-A)

Centenarian Comes To End of Life's Journey

Impressive funeral services were held at Long Beach Tuesday morning for Dr. A. R. Wightman, A. B., A. M., Ph. D., and centenarian, who passed away Sunday morning at 1:30 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. H. Sinclair, 1521 El Prado, after an illness of several weeks. Dr. Wightman, with an all-city birthday luncheon on March 31—the day before his 100th birthday—when he was tendered a sincere tribute by representative citizens of Torrance and Long Beach, old friends and relatives.

Dr. Wightman is survived by his son, E. J. Wightman, former executive officer of the Pan-American at Long Beach; his daughter in Torrance with whom he had made his home for the past several years; and Mrs. Julius Blum, Mrs. Richard Bixby and Mrs. Charles Patrick, of Long Beach, granddaughters.

"A Well-Seasoned Oak"
The last rites for the aged educator were held at the Patterson and McQuillin chapel, with Rev. Karp J. Winkler, pastor of the Torrance Methodist church, officiating. Friends and relatives from Torrance and Long Beach crowded the chapel to pay their last respects to the rich life of the man who had filled a full century. It was a beautiful and comforting service as multitudes of flowers banked the casket and as the speakers called to mind the triumphant feature of a life well lived and held the characterization of his passing as a coronation time.

Mrs. R. E. Oliver of Long Beach sang, "Faith of Our Fathers" and "Shadows." Rev. J. E. Hougate, a former student of Dr. Wightman, spoke of his relationship to Dr. Wightman as a student in the classroom and as an intimate friend of the family. Rev. R. A. Young, former pastor of the Torrance church, spoke of his acquaintance and friendship with Dr. Wightman as his pastor, pointing out particularly the many intimate talks he had had with him relative to education and religion.

Rev. Winkler, the present pastor, described the centenarian as "a well seasoned oak, with multiplied rings of growth, and bearing within itself the marks of many and varied years" that had fallen in the forest of life. He stressed the large place that religion held in the life of Dr. Wightman and referred to his great interest in life and his eagerness to live. Dr. John Davis of Long Beach led in the closing prayer. The committal service was at the Sunnyside Mausoleum in Long Beach and was participated in by Rev. Hougate, Dr. Davis and Rev. Winkler.

Born in 1831
Had Dr. Wightman lived three (Continued on Page 5-A)

Pancake Hordes To Be Fed By Legion Auxiliary Tonight!

Pancakes! Hot off the griddle. Boy, what a number that's going to be. If you like pancakes, (and who does not?) you can go up to the American Legion clubhouse tonight, where the ladies of the Auxiliary are putting on this unusual treat and get all the pancakes you want for once in your life.

Soak 'em in butter until it drips off your chin and pour on the syrup. The cooks will bake 'em till you holler "nough." Depression prices will prevail, which will bring the average cost per family down to where any good pancake champion can ruin some records at practically no expense.

The main brand will be the regular household flapjack, but it has been rumored and on reliable authority that there will be one section roped off for the buckwheat fans. Anyway, they will start coming off the griddle, all golden brown and piping hot, about 5:30, service to continue until all are satisfied or the flour mills shut down.

JUST TRACE OF RAIN
A trace of rain fell here this morning but the fall was not enough to be recorded, according to the High school gauge observatory. The total for the season to date is 10.58 inches. It is reported.

Principal Wood Defends Store In High School

Claims Statements Made In Herald By Merchants Are Erroneous

"Statements by several Torrance merchants in the Herald last week in opposition to the High School student store calls for a reply, especially since many assertions in these statements are either entirely erroneous or indicate a lack of information on the part of the merchants interviewed," declared Principal Herbert S. Wood of the High school this week in a statement defending the student store.

"The student store at the High School is primarily a cooperative project operated by the students for their own benefit. The Board of Education has no interest in the store either financially or otherwise except to audit its accounts and give it the general supervision received by all school activities. No one is paid or receives a cent from the profits of the store. All profits are student body property used to cover the usual deficit in athletics," Wood said.

"Any group of people have the absolute right to band themselves together for cooperative buying purposes in order to reduce the cost of merchandise purchased. The student store does just that thing and through its ability to purchase wholesale, the students and their parents are able to buy necessary school supplies at a saving to themselves. The store receives not one cent of tax money, either directly or indirectly nor does the Board of Education pay any money toward its support.

"The store is an educational project as well as a convenience to the students. A teacher, proficient in business administration, is assigned one period a day to store practice, directing the activities of the 14 members of the store personnel, a more elaborate, efficient, and detailed system of stock, cost, and sales accounting is in use in the store than in any merchandising establishment in town. This is done deliberately for the valuable training as actual modern store practice which the student salesman receives. The operation of the Torrance High school student store has been complimented (Continued on Page 8-A)

CITY JOINS LANDSLIDE VOTE FOR AQUEDUCT BOND ISSUE

Eight-to-One Majority Is Rolled Up Here Tuesday By 41 Per Cent of Voters; Issue Wins Five-to-One

By a vote of nearly eight to one, Torrance voters took their stand Tuesday with citizens of the other 12 cities in the Metropolitan Water District in backing what is to be the greatest public undertaking in the United States—the construction of the Metropolitan aqueduct which will pour Colorado River water into the District cities within six to eight years.

According to City Clerk Bartlett, the semi-official returns of the election to decide the \$220,000,000 bond issue was: Yes, 11,657; No, 1,418. The total vote cast here was 1316, there being three spoiled ballots. This was nearly a 41 per cent demonstration on the part of the 3291 qualified voters in the city.

All Cities Approve Bonds
The bonds were approved in each of the municipalities of the district, ranging from a vote of approximately 16 to one in Pasadena to a majority of more than 4,000 in Long Beach, where a vigorous anti-bond campaign was conducted. A five-to-one majority was given the issue. The election here was very quiet and the count was accomplished in all 11 precincts before 7:15 p. m. Tuesday night.

Following are returns from Tuesday's election in other cities of the district: Los Angeles: Yes, 268,110; No, 31,769; Glendale: Yes, 10,588; No, 1,085; Pasadena: Yes, 15,538; No, 1,170; Long Beach: Yes, 12,955; No, 8,708; Santa Monica: Yes, 5,388; No, 1,558; Beverly Hills: Yes, 1,928; No, 238; Burbank: Yes, 2,800; No, 250; Compton: Yes, 1,165; No, 1298; San Marino: Yes, 727; No, 100; Santa Ana: Yes, 5,843; No, 932; Anaheim: Yes, 1,976; No, 190; Fullerton: Yes, 1,519; No, 318. Grand semi-official totals for the district: Yes, 224,379; No, 46,384. The bonds only required a majority to carry.

There was slightly more interest in the election held here a year ago this month to decide the issue of \$400,000 in bonds for the purchase, acquisition or construction of a publicly-owned and operated water system, as the vote then was more than eight to one in favor of the city bonds. Torrance joined the Metropolitan Water District in February, 1931, with only 14 percent of the voters going to the polls. The result of this election was 317 for annexing to the district, 44 against.

Economics Class Starts Tonight

In compliance with a demand here for a course in Principles in Economics, the Extension Division of the University of California is sending a campus instructor, Dr. Marvel Stockwell, to have charge of a class that is to meet at the Torrance High school tonight, Thursday, for the first time.

The class will meet every Thursday evening from 7 until 9 o'clock, and is open to anyone interested. Complete information concerning the course, fees and enrollment may be obtained from Postmaster Alfred Goudier or James H. Scott at the First National bank.

REFORESTATION PROGRAM TOTALS REPORTED IN U. S.
Forests planted by all agencies in the United States amounted to 138,970 acres during 1930, or an increase of 24 per cent over 1929. Only 1,079 acres were planted in California, however. Michigan led all states by reforesting 38,302 acres.

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Magnitude of Project Is Told

Dwarfing the \$165,000,000 Boulder Dam project, and practically equaling in magnitude the Federal Government's Panama Canal, the huge aqueduct to be constructed by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, will provide employment for 10,000 Southern California citizens for six years, and release \$220,000,000 into the channels of trade.

Mayor John Dennis, the city's representative on the District Board, said yesterday that it is the intention of the Metropolitan Water District to give every opportunity to industries within the District to furnish materials for the aqueduct. He said that Torrance industries, such as the Columbia Steel, United Concrete

HOW TORRANCE VOTED BONDS

Semi-Official Report As Compiled From City Clerk Bartlett's Tabulation

PRECINCTS	VOTING STRENGTH	YES	NO	TOTAL VOTE
1.—3612 Walnut St. WALTERIA	261	87	33	110
2.—2275 Torrance Blvd.				
(Combined with McDonald Tract)	591	126	36	162
3.—716 Border Avenue	210	101	4	105
4.—1031 Arlington Avenue	211	66	9	75
5.—1533 Marcelina Avenue	207	72	5	77
6.—1328 Amapola Avenue	280	118	13	131
7.—1510 Engracia Avenue	324	149	15	165
8.—1738 Manuel Avenue	242	121	11	132
9.—1915 Andree Avenue	246	102	11	113
10.—2012 Gramercy Avenue				
(Combined with South Torrance)	396	134	17	153
11.—Am. Legion Clubhouse	236	89	4	93
TOTALS	3204	1165	148	1316

Urge State To Improve Road

Believe State Highway Can Be Completed Now

A resolution urging the state to take immediate steps to improve the State highway in South Lomita and Torrance along dedicated right-of-way was passed by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce this week on motion by Earl Conner.

It had been previously reported by John Holm that the State Highway Department had held the work in suspension because of the unsettled right-of-way problems through Wilmington and Long Beach. These areas, he said, now seem certain to provide the state's width specifications and Holm suggested that the state might proceed with the work on the Lomita-Torrance sectors if the right cooperative effort was brought to their attention.

Democrats Here To Form Organization

Torrance Democrats are to be enlisted under "the old army plan" of organization, according to E. A. Lucas, chairman of the county Democratic central committee and of the state central committee for the 72nd Assembly district. Lucas, who was in the city this week, said that the organization plans will be explained in detail at a district meeting at 1925 Pacific avenue, San Pedro, October 8, at 8 p. m.

"We want to form four squads here, which will consist of four members each and a squad leader. These squads, in turn, will organize a second squad and so on until a platoon is formed," Lucas, who is a San Pedro real estate dealer, explained. "We are confident that the organization will be easily arranged in Torrance as we have already contacted a number of your prominent citizens and they have indicated their willingness to work. As yet, I am not at liberty to divulge their names."



DR. WIGHTMAN
WHOSE LONG life of rare service to mankind expired here early Sunday morning. The above picture of the aged scholar and educator was taken at the time of his 100th birthday celebration last March.